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**SACRAMENTO UPDATE**

**Budget Subcommittee Actions**

**Property Tax Administration Grant Program (PTAG):** Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration heard the Governor's proposed \$5.7 million reduction for the PTAG program yesterday. If adopted, it is estimated that the County would lose approximately \$1.4 million from the \$13.5 million per year it currently receives in PTAG funds. Our Sacramento Advocates and CSAC testified in opposition to the proposed reduction and noted that it would produce a loss in property tax revenues going to K-14 schools and trigger a corresponding increase in State General Fund subventions to K-14 schools. The Subcommittee acted to keep the issue open pending further analysis by the Legislative Analyst's Office and the Department of Finance.

**Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA):** Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 4 also considered the Governor's proposal to reduce Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding by \$75 million, and to de-link the proposed \$25 million in juvenile prevention funds from the Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) funding. A number of witnesses echoed the County's position to fully fund the JJCPA at \$100 million and to retain the linkage between JJCPA and COPS. The item was left open, pending the Governor's May Revise budget.

### **Pursuit of County Position on Legislation**

**AB 1605 (Wolk and Berg) and SB 1018 (Simitian)**, as introduced on February 22, 2005, are identical bills that would add officers and employees of financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loans, to those designated as mandated reporters of financial abuse perpetrated against elder and dependent adults. These bills would also apply the same penalties for failure to report, and immunity from civil liability for making such reports, to officers and employees of financial institutions, consistent with provisions applicable to mandated reporters under current law. Existing law already provides financial institutions with absolute immunity for making reports, disclosing personal information, and for cooperating with law enforcement on cases involving potential financial abuse.

The Departments of Community and Senior Services and Public Social Services recommend that the County support AB 1605 and SB 1018 because they would encourage reporting of financial abuse of elderly and dependent adults while maintaining existing protections for those mandated to make such reports, and we concur. Consistent with current Board policy to support proposals that would increase the types of professions required to report suspected cases of elder abuse, **our Sacramento Advocates will support AB 1605 and SB 1018.**

AB 1605 and SB 1018 are sponsored by the County Welfare Directors Association, the California Senior Legislature, the California State Association of Counties, and the California State Sheriffs' Association. They are supported by numerous individuals and organizations including State Attorney General Bill Lockyer, State Treasurer Phil Angelides, Butte County Board of Supervisors, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Solano County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley, Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas, City of Davis Police Department, AARP California, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Public Administrator/Public Guardian/Public Conservator Association, Older Women's League of California, Gray Panthers, and the California Police Chiefs Association. AB 1605 and SB 1018 are opposed by the California Bankers Association.

SB 1018 is scheduled for hearing on April 19, 2005 in the Senate Public Safety Committee, and on April 26, 2005 in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Hearings for AB 1605 have not been scheduled.

### **Status of County-Interest Legislation**

**County-supported AB 338 (Levine)**, which would require the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to use increasing amounts of crumb rubber from waste tires in State highway, construction, and repair projects, passed the Assembly Transportation

Committee, as amended, on April 11, 2005 by a vote of 8 to 4. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**County-opposed, unless amended, AB 642 (Negrete McCleod)** which would create a presumption that any injury incurred by an employee as a result of an anti-bioterrorism vaccination or medication taken at the employer's discretion or request, or at the employee's discretion, arose in the course of employment for purposes of workers' compensation passed the Assembly Insurance Committee on April 13, 2005 by a vote of 8 to 1. The author responded to the County's position of "oppose unless amended" by indicating that she is receptive to the County's proposed amendment to limit liability to those instances resulting from an action by the employer. AB 642 proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**County-opposed AB 1331 (Umberg)** would exempt most safety member employees from last year's workers' compensation reforms relating to apportionment of permanent disability and to certain presumptions passed the Assembly Insurance Committee on April 13, 2005 by a vote of 8 to 1. The sponsors told the committee that the measure reflects an oral agreement made last year with the administration. AB 1331 proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**County-opposed AB 1248 (Umberg)**, which would drastically restrict County authority to levy booking fees on non-County law enforcement agencies, was heard by the Assembly Local Government Committee on April 13, 2005. Following lengthy testimony by supporters and opponents, some committee members expressed their conflicted feelings about the issue and stated that the issue should be considered in the context of State budget discussions. AB 1248 was held in committee, due to the lack of a motion.

**County-opposed SB 112 (Ortiz)**, which would change the formula used to calculate each county's share of total State Refugee Employment Social Services (RESS), and Refugee Targeted Assistance Program (RTAP) funds, resulting in a loss of \$700,000 in County funding for the Refugee Employment Program, failed passage in the Senate Human Services Committee on April 12, 2005 by a vote of 2 to 3. Senator Ortiz requested reconsideration for this bill.

**County-supported SB 324 (McClintock)**, which would define a transportation gridlock emergency as a condition that requires extraordinary State action, and authorize the Governor to declare a state of emergency when any highway has an average daily vehicle delay that exceeds 3,000 vehicle hours per day, failed passage in the Senate Transportation Committee on April 5, 2005, by a vote of 3 to 6. Senator McClintock requested reconsideration for this bill.

**County-supported and amended SB 466 (Kuehl)**, which would allow a local agency to use a mobile photo radar system to enforce speed limits on streets within residential districts, subject to certain requirements, was amended on April 12, 2005 to include

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school zones as requested by the County. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support SB 466.** This measure is set for hearing on April 19, 2005 in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

**County-opposed SB 521 (Torlakson)**, which would change redevelopment law relating to transit villages and divert local tax revenues from the County, passed the Senate Local Government Committee on April 6, 2005 by a vote of 4 to 3. The bill is pending consideration by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**County-sponsored SB 656 (Romero)**, which would authorize counties, subject to voter approval, to levy a local alcohol tax was considered by the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee on April 13, 2005. Committee Chair Mike Machado stated that bills such as SB 656 need to be considered in the context of the State budget, and indicated the bill would be placed on the Committee's suspense file.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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